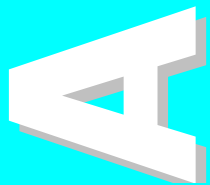
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Attention: All Provider Associations

The payments scheduled for the December 5, 2003 checkwrite will not be released on schedule for non-institutional, pharmacy, and maternity care providers. Hospitals and nursing homes are not affected.

Medicaid anticipates that it will be able to release payments to these providers within 7-10 days. A notice will be distributed when a date is known. Additionally, the date will be posted on the website.

December 08, 2003